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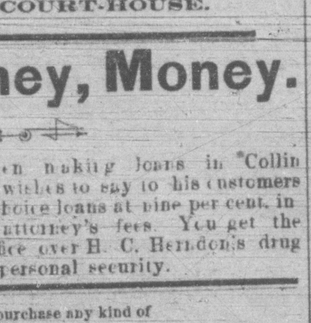

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"A new trick is called 'the electric touch.'" But don't try it on the overhead wires.—Richmond Dispatch.

A man charged with attempting to work a racket ought to be tried in a tennis court.—Baltimore American.

A small coal business is unprofitable, because the nature of the commodity requires a large scale.—Smith, Gray & Co.'s Monthly.

"Some things have gone about as far as they can go," says Rev. Sam Jones. The globe-trotter, for instance.—Philadelphia Record

"The tight coat sleeve is now a thing of the past," says a fashion item, but girls who are pretty all know better.—Louisville Journal.

Poetry.

THE PRELUDE TO SPRING.

Spring, spring, beautiful spring,
Laden with glory and light you come;
With the leaf, the bloom, and the butterfly's wing,
Making on earth a fairy home.
The primrose glitter, the violets peep
And zephyr is feasting on flower and bloom.
Arouse ye sluggards, why soul shall sleep
While the lark in the sky and the bees on the palm,
The sweetest song and the loudest string
Should pour a welcome to the beautiful Spring.

Railroad Regulations.

[BY HON. TOM J. BROWN.]

No. 4

Railroad corporations have been created by the government for the purpose of performing the important duties of common carriers. They have no natural rights, neither have they any powers save those conferred upon them by the law and such as are necessary to enable them to perform duties enjoined upon them.

Under proper control these corporations are valuable public servants, and very important factors in the development of the country as well as valuable aids to the enjoyment of the advantages we have already acquired Unrestrained they become oppressive and exacting, dominating the commerce of the country, and if left to the full development of their combined strength may become masters of the government in all its branches.

Having conferred upon the corporations exclusive rights and privileges it becomes the duty of the state to control them in such manner, as will give protection to the citizen against the abuse of their powers and to secure the performance of the duties enjoined upon the railroads in that way which would be most beneficial to the people. The object of control by the government over these organizations should be to secure for the public the best and cheapest transportation possible.

In order to do this these corporations must be allowed compensation for services rendered, sufficient to enable them to keep their roads and rolling stock in good condition and to fairly compensate the labor employed as well as a reasonable return to the stock-holders upon the value of their investment. It would be as wise in the farmer to starve the horse that pulls the plow as for the state to destroy the efficiency of its railroads which perform the great and important duty of carrying out freights to and from market.

No matter what agency the state may employ to control railroads, ample and correct information of their affairs is absolutely essential to a proper performance of that work. The nature of the inquiry makes it difficult to obtain reliable information for the reason that it can be had alone from railroad officials and they are thoroughly indoctrinated with the idea that it is private business and that any effort to learn the nature and extent of their transactions is officious intermeddling on the part of the people. The result is that the railroad officials aim not to enlighten the public as to the business and affairs of the corporations, but to conceal their true condition. This may be considered a grave charge and I admit that in cannot be proved by direct evidence but like all motives of the actors must be arrived at from the character of the acts done. An examination of the reports made by these corporations to the comptroller for the year 1889, and published by that official in his annual report, and a comparison of these reports with those made for the year 1888 will show that they are wholly unreliable. As citizens and in their private relations these men are as honest as the average man. As the officers of the corporations they do not deem it dishonest to conceal crease of 251 miles over the previous year, which at the average value of 1888 would amount to $2,096,101. The report for 1888 shows that during that year the railroads invested $2,749,709 in such permanent improvements as render the property more valuable.

The increase in mileage and the investment thus made in permanent improvement should have increased the taxable value of the property at least $4,845,810 and added to the the affairs of their companies from the puplic.

The laws of Texas require that railroad corporations shall render the railroads and all equipments for taxation at their value the same as the citizen. For the year 1888 they rendered for taxation 7431 miles of railroad, which including rolling stock was valued at $62,051,731 which is an avearge of $8351 per mile. For the year 1889 they rendered for taxation 7682 miles of railroads an invaluation of 1888 would give a taxable value of $66,897,541 for the property in 1889. But the report for 1889 shows that this property in its improved condition and with its increased mileage was valued at $59,057,111, about $2,994,620 less than the valuation for 1888 and about $7,840,430 less than it would be if the investment and increased mileage had been accounted for.

It is claimed that the average cost of the railroads in Texas including equipments is about $40,000 per mile. If this be true the railroad corporations in 1888 invested in new roads about $10,000,000 and about $2,000,000 in permanent improvements making $12,000,000 which had the wonderful effect to depreciate the taxable value of the property near $300,000,000 in one year. Under such able management this class of property will soon cease to have any taxable value,

Article 4249 of the revised statutes of the state requires each railroad company to make an annual report embracing certain matters connected with their operations and physical and financial condition. Among other things they are required to report the number of deaths and injuries occurring from accidents on the roads and whether or not any of them were occasioned by the negligence or carelessness of any person in the employ of the company. The reports for 1889 show that there were 167 deaths and 1147 injuries to persons on the railroads and not one of them was occasioned by the negligence of any person in the employ of the railroads. Is there a man in the state so credulous as to believe that to be true, or that the officers believe it to be true? It is in fact well known to be untrue and it could be proved to be false in almost every county in the state through which the railroads run.

Under the requirements of the same article the railroads reported upon the following points: For the year 1888 they carried 7,501,430 tons of freight for which they received $21,998,378, an average of about $2.93 per ton. For the year 1889, they showed that they hauled 8,696.123 tons of freight. It is a well known fact that freight charges in the year 1889 were from 10 to 20 per cent. higher than for the year 1888. At the same rate of charges as in 1888 they would have received for the freight carried in 1889 the sum of $25,479,640, and adding 10 per cent. for the increased rates (which is below the average of increase) $2,547,964, they must have received not less than $28,027,604. Their reports show that they received in 1889, $20,699,321, being $1,289,057 less than the gross receipts for 1888 in which year they carried 1,194,693 tons less freight at 10 per cent. less rates, and that the amount reported is at least $7,928,283 less than the amount that their actual receipts must have been. The reports for 1889 give the gross earnings of all the railroads for that year at $28,263,807. Taking the report as true as to the other items of earnings the gross earnings for that year must in fact have been $35,355,887. The expense of operating and maintaining for 1888 are put in the report for that year at $20,270,728 and for 1889 it is given at the sum of $26,605,614, being an increase in the expenses $6,333,886.

It is plain that the reports of the railroad corporations in the particulars mentioned are not correct. They cannot be mistaken in the matter reported for the reason that the correct information upon the different points must necessarily be in the possession of the officials of the companies. Being false in these essential matters they are not entitled to credit in the others which are more difficult of examination.

Before the report of the comptroller was published these railroad reports were heralded to the public with great flourish of trumpets as a complete refutation of the arguments of those who favor the commission. I submit that the eports furnish us with additional and valuable evidence of the necessity for the creation of a railroad commission in this state.

The reports being false and unreliable prove that we must resort to some other and more trustworthy method of obtaining the information necessary to enable the state to deal with the subject of railroad regulation and there is, I believe, no known means equal to the commission.

If the reports are true they show the railroad management in this state to be wholly incompetent to handle the property successfully. With an increase in tonnage of freight and an increase of freight charges, they have greatly decreased their gross earnings, decreased the taxable value of the property, and very largely increased the expenses. The management under a railroad commission would decrease the rates of freight charges and the expenses and increase the net earnings of the railroads, thereby conferring a mutual benefit on the stockholders and the people.

A car-load of freight is hauled all the way from St. Louis to Belton for $130. A car load from Dallas to Belton costs $160. Is there any discrimination against Texas in this? Who will say the people do not need legislation to prevent such treatment? The railroads need regulating. They need to have such restrictions placed over them as to compel them to act justly.—Center Champion.

Correct again; railroads need to be regulated and controlled, so as to compel them to do justice to all sections of country through which they pass, and a commission is, in our opinion, the only practical way of doing it. We learn through our saw-mill men that freights are so much greater from here to points in West Texas than to points in Kansas that they are shut out from the West Texas markets. This is all wrong and should not be allowed.—Panola Watchman.

The Farmers Alliance of Rockwall County is in a flourishing condition, and is not going to pieces as some are trying to prove. It is daily increasing in good and usefulness, and has some of the most influential men of the county at its head.—Rockwall News.

A good deacon of the town of Perry, Me., tells a startling story regarding his curious experience while killing fowls. He was preparing for an extensive dinner on New Year's day and killed three fowls. The last one, instead of flopping around like any ordinary hen and dying when its head was cut off, got up, walked about ten feet, laid an egg, and then died. In the meantime the head cackled for nearly a minute before that, too, became quiet.—Ex.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Carefully Gleaned for the Readers of the Democrat.

Graham, Tex. March 13.—Harvey and Spencer pleaded guilty in the United States court to-day to the charge of robbing the post office at Docum's ranch and were sentenced to the penitentiary for seven years.

Paris, Tex, March 13.—Archie A. Galbraith was arrested to-day on a charge of presenting a forged note on the First national bank for $53 purported to be signed by H. M. McCuistion and Dr. W. Gardiner. The prisoner stated that the note was handed to him by a lady.

Texarkana, Ark. March 14.—George McClure was tried here to-day, charged with stealing two saddles from Dr. Ball, near De Kalb some months ago. He was convicted and given five years in the penitentiary. In company with two others the defendant is charged with stealing these saddles and three horses. They were captured in possession of the property at Monroe, La., shortly after the horses were missing.

Cameron, Tex. March 13.—The commisioners' court to-day awarded the contract for the building of the new courthouse to William Plummer of Austin, for the sum of $82,385. The contract for the building of the new schoolhouse will be awarded on Tuesday, April 3, 1890.

Davenport, Ia. March 13.—The little town of Brown, a station on the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railroad in Clinton county, was the scene of a tragedy this morning. Henry Nurre, a wealthy farmer, was found murdered in his home and his wife seriously wounded. It is not known who the murderer is.

Palestine, Tex. March 14.—Yesterday evening a negro presented a check at the First national bank for $15.50 drawn in favor of John Jones with the signature purporting to be that of Dr. Thomas M. Colley, Cashier Gooch instantly detected the forgery of the check and had the negro arrested. Since he went to jail another charge of forgery to a small amount has been made against him, and he will be brought before Justice Watts to-morrow morning to answer to both.

Hico, Tex. March 14.—News was received early yesterday morning of the arrest of John Tatum, mail carrier on the route from Carlton to Hazeldell, Tex., charged with robbing the United States mail. The United States marshal was wired by the postmaster of Carlton. A deputy marshal arrived on the train to-day and proceeded to Carlton, where they took the south-bound train at 4:47 p. m. to day for Waco.

Longview, Tex., March 13.—Last night cracksmen attempted to blow open Jerry Mundon's safe and did their work well with the exception of missing the bolt, which is knocked back by these safe blowers only about an eighth of an inch. This error was caused by the safe being an old pattern in which the bar was half an inch lower than the new make. Nothing but some liquor in the saloon and a few dollars in the cash drawer was disturbed.

Jefferson City, Mo., March 13.—"The exact amount of the shortage of ex-Treasurer Noland is $32,524.62," said Gov. Francis this morning. This is the first official information that such a thing as a positive shortage existed. Last week the governor discovered an apparent shortage. The committee report still hangs fire. It is in the governor's hands, and the committee went home this morning.

Sweetness and light—An underweight pound of sugar.—San Francisco Bulletin.

Found Dead in the Water.

Palestine, Tex., March 13.—The conductor of a freight train coming in from the south on the Great Northern road this morning reported a dead man at bridge 20, six miles from the city. Justice Watts and Sheriff Day went out to the place designated and found partly lying in the water against one of the bridge supporters the body of a negro boy about 18 years old. He had apparently been dead at least twenty-four hours, but from what cause could not be ascertained. There were no signs of violence about the body of the deceased. He was a stranger to the neighborhood, and there were no papers on his person to indicate his name.

Characteristic Letter From Stanley.

St. Johnsburg, Vt. March 14.—The Caledonian publishes the following extracts from a letter written by Henry M. Stanley to a St. Johnsburg friend:

Cairo, Feb. 14.—The end crowns the work. Did I say so Dec. 10, 1886? I say it again, this date of 1890. I have brought the exiles back to their home. I have re-united parted families. I have rescued those who were in sore straits. I have borne the young and aged and placed them in their loved land of Egypt. I have brought the beleaguered governor out of his threatened bondage, wherefore, those were the aims of the work and they have been accomplished. I say the end crowns the work. True, I am blanched and white, but what matters it? I have naught to regret and fancy if a mission of like nature presented itself I should still wish to do it, for whether here or there, life stays not but rushes on apace and men must work and strive, but let us go at it bravely and fitly with all our strength.

Treasurer Noland Resigns.

Kansas City, Mo., March 7.—A special to the Journal from Jefferson City says: State Treasurer Noland handed his written resignation to Gov. Francis this afternoon, as the governor was returning to the room where a committee appointed by him was holding a meeting. The governor has not yet decided whether he will accept it. The question is raised whether the state officer who has been suspended can resign pending an investigation. Mr. Noland declines to discuss the cause which led to his resignation, His bondsmen, who obtained the information from Mr. Noland, say his deficit is $32,718.55. The committee will probably reach a conclusion to-morrow night.

The Lynchers Get Life Terms.

Minneapolis, Minn. March, 14.—Journal's LaCrosse Wis. special says: Sentence was pronounced on the lynchers at Whitehall by Judge Newman this afternoon. Chas. Johnson Ole Sletto, Mrs. Oleson and her son were sentenced to imprisonment for life, three days in each year solitary. There was a scene of great excitement in the court room. Mrs. Oleson fainted and there was groaning and shedding of tears. The sheriff started for Waupun with the prisoners at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Cincinnati, O., March 7.—At Lebanon, O., yesterday ex-Treasurer Coleman, who had been convicted of embezzling $12,500 of public money, was sentenced to pay double the amount embezzled, the cost of prosecution and to be imprisoned in the penitentiary two and a half years. Coleman's family is one of the most wealthy and respectable in the place, and they are heartbroken.

"The poet soars." He does. He soars up six flight to get to his room, poor fellow.—Boston Courier.

The potato is said to be deteriorating, but it made many a mash in its better days.—Terra Haute Express.

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EDITORIALS.

"I will make the world respect my mother."

In abscence of sunshine, there are no blossoms.

For truth is precious and divine,
Too rich a pearl for carnal swine.—Butler.

The man of wisdom is the man of years.—Young.

Every tub must stand upon its own bottom.—Bunyan.

"I will make the world respect my mother."

Go back on the laboring man and you go back on your country.

Ex-treasury Noland of Missouri has been arrested charged with embezzling state funds.

Josh Billings says: "If I were called upon to weep over a dead mule I would certainly stand near its head.'

Evangelist Williams is fighting the devil at Dallas. We do not insinuate that Dallas is the latter's home.

On the 15th instant Steve Jones of VanAlstyne died with consumption, after an illness of nearly two years.

Will Battenfield of VanAlstyne died on the 16th instant of pneumonia.

I never could believe that Providence had sent a few men into the world, ready booted and spurred to ride, and millions ready saddled and bridled to be ridden.—Rich'd Humboid.

Power, like a desolating pestilence, pollutes whatever it touches; and obedience, bane of all genius, virtue, freedom, truth, makes slaves of men and of the human frame a mechanized automaton.—Shelly

The DEMOCRAT agrees with Hon. J. W. Throckmorton in the following language: "I would not, however, favor any measure that would deprive railroads of their fair and just compensation for the service rendered by them."

Ex-Treasurer Noland's Deficit.

St. Louis, March 17. Gov. Francis has made a formal demand on the bondsmen of ex-State Treasurer Noland to come forward and settle the amount of the ex-treasurer's deficit. Another meeting of the bondsmen will be held on March 25, to endeavor to secure the remainder of the amount necessary to make the shortage good. Mr. Noland expects to be arrested to-morrow, and already has his bond prepared.

Judge Devine Dead.

San Antonio, Tex., March 16.—The only man besides Jeff Davis ever indicted for treason toward the federal government in connection with the Southern confederacy is dead. His name was Thomas Jefferson Devine, and he died in this city about 4 o'clock this morning. Judge Devine was one of the pioneer settlers of Texas after the revolution of 1836, and his name has been a landmark in the jurisprudence of the state since he settled here. At his death he was about 80 years of age, though owing to a peculiar whim exact age is unknown

AMONG OUR EXCHANGES

Upon the subject of better roads the Fort Worth Mail says:

"Taxation is the only remedy' for poor roads, says the Waco Day. The Mail's idea that a dollar's worth of road was going to cost a dollar's worth of silver is gaining ground everywhere except among the politicians.

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According to the Dalles News it will take 602 votes to select a gubernatorial candidate. The News says:

"The candidate who secures a nomination in the state convention must have 602 votes out of a total of 903 and the candidate who can do this ought to be a good enough man for anybody to vote for."

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Where will the state democratic convention be held? The Fort Worth Gazette sends forth the following:

"To the members of the democratic state executive committee: In selecting a location for the democratic state convention, please bear in mind that Fort Worth never gouges the strangers within its gates. and no other city in Texas has the same reputation. Thank the Lord, we are not as other cities are."

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The Sherman Register is in the scratching business. It says:

"The man who fails to come up to the scratch now when a little work may accomplish much is not worthy to be called a citizen. With one thousand dollars now what it may take ten times that sum to do a year from now."

That's right. Brother, yon Sherman people will have to scratch to keep up with McKinney

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The Paris News, in speaking of the Dallas meeting to discuss the subject of good roads, says:

"The meeting in Dallas next month for the purpose of inaugurating a move for building roads in Texas should be largely attended, and doubtless will be.

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The Emory Record speaks out in meeting as follows.

"It is an outrage to the farmers to be cursed with such roads as we now have in our county. They are the ones who have the hauling to do over them, and there is not a road upon which a half a load can be hauled.

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The Forney Tribune thinks work will take the place of talking. It says:

"The commissioners' court of Dallas county has issued a call soliciting the county judges and commissioners of the several counties of the state to meet them in Dallas for the purpose of discussing ways and means for the improvement of the public roads. This looks like business, and something will likely be done to the roads other than talk about them."

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The following is from the Dallas News:

"The Ohio auditor who pleaded guilty to the charge of embezzlement was fined double the amount of his shortage and sentenced to a term of eighteen years in the penitentiary besides. This sort of punishment must have a tendency to make embezzlement of public funds unpopular."

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"We would like to comment a little on the editorial in the DEMOCRAT on "County Politics," but as the writer, in the close of the article, seems to conclude that his clamor for a "free-for-all" race is only the echo of a forlorn hope, we will be a little generous to one advocating a hopeless cause.—Examiner.

Thanks. Our heart is chuck full of gratitude for your generosity. We hope, however, that you will continue to deal out generosity in the future while we continue to advocate the right.

The organization of no political party needs a man who must be placarded before the people to know where he belongs.—McKinney Examiner

That is just about the way to put it.

An Answer to the Daily Examiner.

McKINNEY, March 19, 1890.

Editor of the Democrat:

It says: Can he answer? Question, "Will he please inform us who of the candidates has informed him that they are in favor of pulling the bridles off and having a 'free-for-all race?' Answer—I will give you the inside track, so that you can find out by asking your own candidates this question: How many of them that are not willing to run for office on their own merit and trust the people to decide it? Please call on your candidates and publish the names of those who are not willing to risk the people to choose for themselves.

JOHN JOHNSON.

The Right Spirit.

The following is from the speech of Hon. John M. Thurston; of Nebraska, president of the Republican League, at the opening of their National convention at Nashville, Tenn:

"We come as the representatives of one of the two great political parties. Our relations will be as warm as the powers well permit. Nothing better could be heard than the music of the band playing 'Dixie,' and 'Yankee Doodle.—Whenever played at home or abroad, on land or sea, or before kings and potentates, the American citizen gets right upon his feet and applauds.

"We will go home with a better idea of the possibilities of Tennessee than we ever had before, and the result will be worth millions to the State, which is indeed blessed. We recognize that there must be two political parties, and that when they are so nearly equal in strength, the public interests are best subserved. Thank God that the Republican party is in supremacy and that the Democratic party is strong enough to hold it down. (Applause.)

"God bless old Tennessee, for her soil is enriched by the blood of thousands of heroes, on both sides, who fought for and settled principles inherited from our ancestors. Thank God there still remains a large part of the brave army that fought against us."

Congressional Vote.

The votes of the counties composing the 5th district, in the next convention, will be as follows:

Grayson	20
Collin	18
Denton	8
Cooke	11
Baylor	1
Clay	2
Montague	7
Rockwall	3
Wilbarger	1
Archer	1
Wichita	1
Wise	8
Total	81

Under a two-thirds rule, fifty-four votes will nominate.

Louisiana Lottery Donation.

New Orleans, La., March 15.—The following correspondence explains itself.

New Orleans, La., March 15.—To his excellency, Francis Nicholls, governor of Louisiana at a meeting of the board of directors of the Louisiana Lottery company held at their office this day, it was resolved that the president of the company be directed to forward to you the sum of $100,000 to be used in your discretion to protect the people of Louisiana against the inundation now apparently so imminent in consequence of the threatening condition of the river. Participating as they do in the anxiety which your excellency must feel at this critical moment, the directors and members of this corporation feel confident that the money which they thus place in your hands will be promptly and efficiently applied to the purpose for which it is intended. In accordance with the resolution I, therefore, inclose the company's check on the New OrleansNational bank for $100,000. Very respectfully. M. A. DAUPHIN

President Louisiana Lottery company.

New Orleans, La., March 15.—To N. A. Dauphin, Esq., president Louisiana State Lotterd company: Sir—I have received your communication of this date inclosing the check of the Louisiana Lottery company for $100,000 for levee purposes. On the eve of a session of the legislature during which the renewal or extension of your charter will be acted upon by a question vitally affecting the interests of this state, I have no right to place the people under obligations to your company in however small a degree by the acceptance of a gratuity from it. I herewith return you the check.

FRANCIS NICHOLLS,
Governor.

CORRESPONDENCE

From Nevada.

NEVADA, March 15, 1890.

Editor Democrat:

I see but little in the county paper from our part of the best county on earth.

Our town is at present on a boom. One more business house 25x80 feet on Warren street, just finished, and will open up on Monday with a $10,000 stock of general merchandise.

Mr. F. G. Payne has moved in to his new residence on Center street, just completed by our enterprising contractor, Mr. Patton.

Our school, under the management of Prof. G. W. Guyer with two competent assistants, is moving on splendidly. We have a teachers' institute, which meets 4th Saturdays of each month, and the meetings are well attended by the teachers and the public, and I must say the teachers acquit themselves well, and show to the patrons, that they are truly interested in the advancement of education in our midst. These meetings are doing a great good in our end of the county.

Our deputy sheriff, John I. Webb has for some time been prospecting on North Been creek for coal, and we understand he has struck it rich, having found a strata of first-class coal at a depth of 10 feet, six feet thick. I am at present burning some of the coal in my office and pronounce it good. The lucky deputy sheriff expects to organize a stock company to work the mine for all it is worth. It is located convenient to the St. Louis, Arkansas and Texas railroad, and I hope there is millions in it for our lucky friend, John I. Webb.

We are with you down this way. We wish a "free-for-all race," as we have in times that have passed been dictated to by a few interested parties. We are not much in favor of conventions for county nominations. We, like all good citizens, do not wish to see the exciting times of two years ago. We are still for Hon. Silas Hare for congress, down in this part of the county, but as we have to be examined by the Hon. H. C. Mack, as to our standing as democrats, I fear we may not pass, and in that event our preference will not be of any benefit to us.

We would like to know what rule will be established by the parties in power, as to the eligibility of free men to participate in the conventions of the party they have acted with since they were boys. Let us know as soon as possible, so we can be practicing the prerequisites. Success to your popular paper.

ANDREW JACKSON DEMOCRAT.

From Gray Bill.

GRAY BILL, March 12, 1890.

Editor of the Democrat:

Health is good in this community.

Prayer-meeting every Sunday night at Crossroads.

The young men of our community have prayer-meeting every Wednesday night. We hear a great deal of complaint from Seven Points college about somebody shooting Prof. Hardee's horse, and also of shooting into houses. It seems to us that the officers could put a stop to such devilment. The parties who do the shooting may be too shrewd for the officers. If so, we had better have an extra set.

We do not hear much about politics in our community, only everybody wants men for office who have principle in their hearts instead of their pockets.

"Co operation is harmonious in its action." It is the success of all governments, and the practice of co-operation will lead any community to a better social condition. It will give action to our industrial system. The condition of the farmers is due as much to the morbid condition of our social and industrial system as it is to dishonesty in our political system, for the former is the foundation of the latter. If the foundation is a cut throat plan of "get money any way you can, the structure will be the same." The farmer cannot in his present condition hold his produce. The merchant takes the advantage of this and holds his cotton for a better price, buys goods on it as security. He need never expect to hold his produce unless he is his own patron, and this he cannot be only through co-operation. Every farmer admits that he pays an unjust toll on everything he buys and seems to want to remain in that condition. By co operation he could control his produce which would enable him to better his social condition and to provide for his family, and have more time for recreation.

Success to the Alliance and DEMOCRAT.

SALLY MUGGINS.

A Fair Statement.

McKINNEY, March 17, 1890.

Editor Democrat:

In the interest of harmony I addressed to your paper a communication which appeared in your issue of March 6. There is a hope in the breasts of three thousand of as good democrats as ever breathed in Collin county, that the aspersities and bitterness engendered by the division, in the democratic party, may be obviated in the coming canvass, by just and conciliatory measures on the part of each party.

Now, there was a great deal said during the last canvass, by our Simon-pure democratic friends, about harmony, and not unfrequently long-drawn out sighs for a return of those good old times when everybody could run for office who wanted to, and the best man "git there"

If those declarations were made in good faith, then the ones making them should now be willing to lend a helping hand to carry them into practical operation in the coming canvass. Should they refuse so to do, then the people will be justified in branding them as deceivers and political jugglers. If a person deceives me once it is his fault; if he deceives me twice that is my fault.

There is no weight of thought given to the cant about the democratic party being in danger. The republicans vote, 556, out of a total of 7,000 in the county, is an apparition that disturbs the equanimity of only those partisan parasites who fear to risk their chances before the people on their own merits. Any one who talks about the principles of the democratic party being in danger should have our sympathy. The only thing in danger would be the occupation of the party machine man, and should a free race deprive him of his occupation, he would have to rustle. Hence, there will be no such thing as harmony, if the party machine man gets in his work. Watch him.

STRAIGHT DEMOCRAT.

Washington Letter.

[From our regular correspondent.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 12, 1890.

Editor Democrat:

The matter of the alterations of the speech of Mr. Call by him before its publication in the Record came before the Senate this week and the venerable body discussed it with the same warmth that has characterized the question for the last score of years. The truth is that Mr. Call did interpolate language into his speech that was not used upon the floor. The language was no stronger or more personal than that used elsewhere in his speech. As Mr. George stated in his speech on the subject there is no place in America where insults are safer or more common than in the United States Senate. Gentlemen accuse each other of every crime in the category without carrying the quarrel beyond the Senate doors. The Senate is given, in sporting parlance, to hippodroming.

The death of ex-Representative W. P. Taulbee occurred on Tuesday morning and within a few minutes Charles E. Kincaid, the Louisville Times correspondent, who killed him, was placed in the central prison to await trial. Little Judge Kincaid was totally prostrated by the death of Mr. Taulbee and wept long and bitterly all day. He had hoped against hope that his victim would recover and the blow of the death was too much for his present feeble health. His usually slight and wasted form has grown startlingly emaciated in the last few days.

The result of the trial is not difficult to foretell if all the facts are as so far related. It is generally believed that Kincaid came up behind Taulbee and shot him without warning, but it can also be proved that Taulbee had threatened Kincaid that day, pulled his ear and told him to go and get armed For a year or so he had hounded Kincaid about the publication of a nasty scandal involving Taulbee's name, a scandal that was never denied and that blasted Taulbee's reputation as a gentleman. Taulbee was a man of enormous stature and his arms, like Rob Roy's of Scotland, reached to his heels. His strength was unlimited and his powers had never been affected by dissipation of any sort. Kincaid stood in fear of his life. He said so as long as a year ago, and he appeared to have good reasons to expect so Pulling a correspondent's nose or ears because he published something you don't wish known but cannot deny, is not to be commended and threatening the writer's life is, as shown in this case, not to be endorsed as always safe. The question the jury will be asked to decide will be "did the murderer commit the act while in actual, or to him supposed to be, actual danger of his life,?

The murderer's row at the District jail is always full and running over, The criminals are generally colored and nine out of ten have been previously known to the police There has only been two hangings in the last two years. Judge, juries and police seem alike indifferent as to whether one negro kills another or not. There are seventy thousand colored people in the city. Ten thousand belong to the criminal classes. Four thousand are without homes, that is, even without a shanty where they are allowed to sleep regularly. In the summer they are all right, in a bad winter pneumonia claims all it has time to catch and the rest struggle on. Without ambition or industry they hold life as of little value and the knife, razor or pistol is always ready.

Both the great parties claim that the other is the enemy of ballot reform. This being the case some law will be passed immediately.—McKinney Democrat.

It seems to be a question of whose ox is being gored. If the politicians could be reformed ballot reform would follow naturally. The people are honest.—Sherman Herald.

Madstone---Brass Band.

VanAlstyne, Tex., March 15. To-day D. B. Rogers brought his child, 1 year of age, from Ellis county to the madstone at R. H. McKinney's. After trying the rock for three hours they left on the south-bound train for home feeling greatly relieved, as the rock would not stick.

VanAlstyne has a fine silver cornet band and also a string band under the management of a first class teacher.

D. Thompson and family arrived and are now citizens. Mr. Tompson is cashier of the first national bank.

Horse traders are numerous in town to-day.

The farmers have made a new move and all are busily engaged in planting crops.

Several men are here prospecting and some will locate.

Primaries and Conventions.

The McKinney Examiner takes the rather singular position that conventions are the fairest expressions of Democracy's wishes, and says "the black mailer and liar cannot work his scheme on open primary conventions as easily as he can on primary elections." This is a common error. The further we remove an election from the people, the more danger of jobbery, trades and schemes to advance individual interests. Conventions are necessary to party safety in districts and states, but in local affairs, the packed convention, with its commercial features and parliamentary tactics, that so often defeat the real wishes of the majority, should be abolished. A primary election in daylight, gives every candidate an even race, paralyzes caucuses and combinations and every vote cast for a man counts that much toward securing his nomination. In a convention all votes over a bare majority count nothing. Where it is practicable, the primary election is certainly the most satisfactory, the fairest and best.—Farmersville Times.

Royal Baking Powder

ABSOLUTELY PURE

Light Sweet Wholesome Bread

Delicious Pastry

A Cream of Tartar Baking Powder. Superior to all others in Strength and Leavening Power.—*U. S. Government Report*, 18

Additional Locals.

A little child belonging to Jim Welch met with a sad accident last Wednesday. It was playing with a companion in the apiary of Judge W. H. Andrews when it ventured too near a hive from which a swarm of bees came forth and stung if severely.

The following item has been going the rounds of the press, and as our druggist, Bristol Bros., handle the goods, it may interest our readers: Having had occasion to use Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, it gives me pleasure to state that I found it to be the best medicine for a cough I ever used; in fact, it cured me of a cough that had baffled several other cough medicines.—N. R. Burnett, Atalissa, Iowa.

J. R. Parker, Robert Deadman, Will Bradley and George Gilbert left yesterday for the lake on a hunting excursion.

A Pleasing Scene

Of health and strength renewed and of ease and comfort follows the use of Syrup of Figs, as it acts in harmony with nature to effectually clense the system when costive or bilious. For sale in 50c and $1.00 bottles by all leading druggists.

Mrs. Ben W. Rhine, who has been visiting relatives in Bonham, has returned home.

'Tis strange, ladies will go on month after month suffering with some female disorder, which one bottle of Dr. Dromgoole's English Female Bitters would speedily correct.

R. M. Board says, others may leave McKinney but he is going to stay. In other words he cannot get away. Come and trade with him.

W. H. Bristol and son have bought the steam laundry.

R. M. Board is selling piles of goods to the people of collin county. He handles the best the market affords at the most reasonable prices.

Attention.

We are requested by many members of the old "Agricultural, Horticultural and Mechanical association of Collin county" to request the stockholders of the association to meet at the courthouse in McKinney at 2 o'clock p. m., the first Saturday in April, 1890, to determine what shall be done with the property of said association. Stockholders who cannot come are desired to send parties to some one to represent them.

A man should be excused for not stepping into all the traps set for him.

R. T. Quisenberry, president of the county Alliance, gave us a pleasant call this morning.

Chattanooga, Tenn., March 18.—Discrepancy of $688,250 was to-night found between the accounts of City Auditor Whiteside and the city. It is not known where he is. His office is declared vacant.

Notice.

R. T. Quisenberry requests the members Collin county Alliance every citizen of the to meet at the court-h McKinney on Wednesd at one o'clock sharp. T ject is the consideration cotton seed oil bill now ing in congress in order a timely protest if deemed visable.

Patronize the Allian

Last Tuesday evening Dr. Metz gave an elegant ception to her many fr her residence.

Sam Welch, Woodald and Wm. Allen left day on a hunting tour.

Messrs. Walcott, Keo W. C. Jones of Southney have improved the of residence by building and durable yard fence but little expense. our citizens could beau homes and add great value of their proper offered for sale, by suit. Plant shrubbe greens and make the our town lovely and

Clarence Rucker Williams of Altoga w city last night.

Notice,

To the Alliance Brothers County—

I will give public labor and co-operat following named time:

Crossroads—Satur 22, 6:30 p. m.

Richland — Mond 24, 6:30 p. m.

Bloomdale—Tues 25, 6:30 p. m.

Rock Hill—Wedn 26, 6:30 p. m.

Farmers School-H day, March 27, 6:3

Haggard School day, March 28, 6:3

Rowlett—Saturd 29, 6:30 p. m.

White's Grov March 31, 6:30 p.

Crescent—Tues 6:30 p. m.

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GENERAL DIRECTORY.

CHURCHES.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH—Preaching Sunday at 11, A. M., and at 7:30 P. M. Prayer meeting every Wednesday night.
Eld. D. W. PRITCHETT, Pastor.
Sunday School every Sunday morning at 9 o'clock.
PLUMMER HARRIS, Sup't. MISS ANNIE TAYLOR, Secretary.

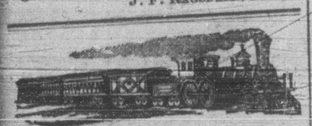
METHODIST EPISCOPAL—Preaching Sunday at 11 A. M., and at 7:30 P. M., and Prayer meeting every Wednesday night.
Rev. J. S. STAFFORD, Pastor

BAPTIST CHURCH.—Preaching Sunday at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Prayer meeting every Wednesday night.
B. HATCHER, Pastor.
Sunday School every Sunday morning at 9:30. T. C. PERRY, Sup't. Secretary.

O. S. PRESBYTERIAN.—Preaching every Sunday at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Prayer meeting every Wednesday night
Rev. G. T. THOMPSON, Pastor.
Sunday School every Sunday morning at 9:30. T. F. MONTGOMERY, Sup't. Secretary.

FARMERS ALLIANCE.

The regular meetings of the F. A. are held on the Second and Fourth Monday nights in each month.
J. F. RAGSDALE, Pres.



H. & T. C. TIME TABLE.

NORTH BOUND.

Mixed. Leaves	Express. Leaves.	Fast Mail. Leaves.
6:15 p. m.	9:40 a. m.	9:55 p. m.
Dallas News train - - -		5.05 a. m.

SOUTH BOUND.

Mixed. Leaves	Express. Leaves.	Fast Mail. Leaves.
10:20 a. m.	4.52 p. m.	5.53 a. m.
Dallas News train - - -		8.02 p. m.

EAST LINE.

DAILY

No. 87 arrives 12:50 p. m,
No. 88 departs 1:50.

COUNTRY MAIL ROUTE.

Departs for Vineland, Rhea's Mill, and Celina daily (except Sunday) at 8 a. m. Arrives at 5 p. m.

Arrives from Tickey, Altoga, Verona and Blue Ridge daily (except Sunday) at 12 a. m. Departs at 12:30 p. m.

Arrives from Weston and Rowland daily (except Sunday) at 11 a. m. and departs at 1 p. m.

Arrives from Lebanon, Rock Hill and Parvin daily (except Sunday) at 12 m Departs at 1.30 p. m.

Leaves Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday for Engleman, Lucas, St. Paul and Wylie at 8 a. m. Arrives at 6 p. m.

To the Public.

In subscribing for the DEMOCRAT you will get the best paper in Collin county. In advertising in its columns your advertisement will be read by five thousand people. We would also ask a liberal share of your job work of all kinds, which we are able to do neatly and in order, and for "live and let live" prices. Remember that a good local paper is not only run in the interest of its proprietor, but is also indispensable to the interest of the community in which it is published.

To those who are behind in their subscription: We kindly insist that you pay us at once, that we may be able to meet our liabilities that are constantly accumulating. We know that good men, unintentionally, fail to remit to us the small amount, yet we hope they will not do so after this.

Those who wish their paper stopped must pay all arrearage. Respectfully,
DEMOCRAT PUB. Co.,
McKinney, Tex.

☞Carpets at great bargains at M. Aron's.

Mrs. James Shrader has been visiting in Dallas during the last week.

☞Corn and oats taken at the highest market price in exchange for lumber, at Nenney & Pardue's. 37-1y

C. M. Christie and O. P. Melton from near Rowlett church was in the city last Saturday.

☞Collin county for cotton and corn, but Brazoria county, near Alvin, for pears, strawberries and grapes.

Prof. Allen formerly of this city, but now the efficient teacher of Bethany southwest of here, was in the city Saturday last.

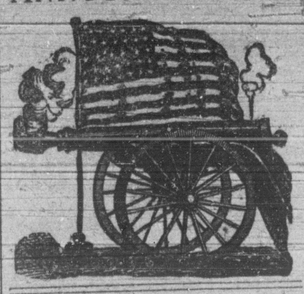
☞Don't go to R. M. Board's for shoddy goods. He does not keep them.

Hon. J. W. Thomas gave a lecture at Viney Grove last Sunday to an appreciative audience. He lectures there next Sunday.

☞R. M. Board informs us that he is prepared to show the people the largest stock of dry goods ever brought to McKinney.

The East Line is fast improving by subtituting new steel rails in place of old ones. New ties are also being used. We venture to say that it will not be long until that road is in first class condition.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.



We are authorized to announce the name of WILLIAMS WARDEN as a candidate for Tax Collector, subject to the action of the democratic party.

We are authorized to announce the name of W. H. SIMS as a candidate for City Treasurer at the election to be held in April next.

We are authorized to announce the name of CLINT THOMPSON as a candidate for City Treasurer at the election to be held in April next.

We are authorized to announce the name of J. H. WOOD as a candidate for City Assessor at the election to be held in April next.

We are authorized to announce the name of W. D. O'GWIN as a candidate for City Secretary, election next April,

We are authorized to announce the name of A. L. JONES as a candidate for re-election to the office of City Marshal, at the ensuing April election.

We are authorized to announce the name of SAM BURK as a candidate for City Marshal, election next April,

We are authorized to announce the name of J. T. ANDREWS as a candidate for Justice of the Peace Precinct No. 1, subject to the action of the democratic party.

We are authorized to announce the name of J. M. BALL, as a candidate for Justice of the Peace Precinct No. 1, subject to the action of the democratic party.

W. C. JONES authorizes us to announce him as a candidate for re-election to the office of District Clerk, subject to the action of the democratic party.

GEO. B. ADAMS authorizes us to announce him as a candidate for County Treasurer, subject to the action of the democratic party.

"Well, bless my soul!"

☞Big bargains in dress goods at M. Aron's.

Rev. J. B. Faulknor was in the city Monday last.

Corn and cotton planters for sale at J. G. Mathews & Co.

Hon. Wm. H. Allen of Denton county was in McKinny last Saturday.

Send in your communications. We want to hear from all over the county.

Remember J. G. Mathews & Co. handle the Deering Binder.

The ruins of the Morrow block is fast being cleared away, preparatory for work on the new building.

☞Don't miss the millinery opening on March 13.
M. ARON'S.

Shrader & Bryan bought 500 dozen eggs last Saturday.

Miss Minnie Berry returned to her home in Sherman last Saturday after a pleasant visit to her friends here.

Farmers, go to J. G. Mathews & Co. to get your farming implements.

The Mississippi store is constantly receiving new goods.

The best buggy and wagons can be found at J. G. Mathews & Co.

Our delinquent subscribers should help us by coming forward and paying up. Our expenses are heavy.

Mrs. R. L. Parker, in company with her son Ernest, visited relatives in Sherman last Saturday and Sunday.

☞Every lady that wants to see real fine millinery should attend the opening on Thursday, March 13, at M. Aron's.

Mr. Tom Williams from Denton county was in the city this week. His presence was occasioned by the death of his brother Henry.

☞See R. M. Board's mammoth stock of dry goods before you purchase elsewhere. He is prepared to give you a bargain.

Hereafter politics will be freely discussed at the West Side Theological club. We believe Dr Webster is chairman.

If you want to invest in fruit lands near the best markets in the South write G. W. Durant & Co., Alvin, Tex., for circulars.

Go to the Racket store and supply yourself with first class cheap goods. They are actually selling at cost and it will pay you to call there and examine their stock. Don't forget this advice.

The "Straight" Democracy.

The straight democratic club met at the court house last Friday night, K. R Craig in the chair.

The committee on order of business and government, composed of H. C. Mack and J. R. Gough, reported the following:

"1. The members of this club shall consist of democrats who openly supported the straight democratic nominations in the last general election, and of such voters of opposing political parties in the last canvass as shall come up and, at some meeting of this club, openly renounce all sympathy with any party or parties at this time or heretofore opposing the recognized democratic organization of the county, and pledge themselves to support the party in its deliberations and nominations in the future.

"2. Each person desiring to become a member of this club shall register his name or cause the same to be done at a public meeting of the club, or send a written application to become a member, and in all cases the club shall be the judge of the fitness and good faith of the person applying for membership.

"3. In all matters of government and discipline in this club the voice of a majority of its members present shall control its action.

"4. The regular times of the meetings of this club shall be on Monday night in each week.

"5. The order of business shall be, first, a call for enrollment of new members; second report of committees including reports by the secretary; third, unfinished business; fifth, matters to be proposed by the members for the good of the democratic party in the county and precincts; sixth, an announcement of committees by the chairman; seventh, adjournment.

"6. No member of this club shall speak on any question longer than ten minutes nor oftener than twice without the consent of all the members present.

"7. No member of this club shall speak a second time on any question until after all other persons, who desire to do so, have spoken.

"8. A quorum to do business in this club shall consist of twenty members who shall be present.

J. R. GOUGH,
H. C. MACK,
Committee."

Clause No. 1 was voted down and referred back to the committee, after a vigorous effort to carry it.

The club adjourned to meet the following Monday night.

On Monday night the following was adopted:

"Resolved, That the caption to the subscription list of membership to be signed by persons desiring to become members of the McKinney Democratic club, shall be as follows:

Whereas, we the democrats of McKinney as an intregal part of the state and national democracy, recognizing the necessity of organization to more efficiently promote the success of the principles of our party, do hereby subscribe and enroll ourselves, members of the McKinney Democratic club, and pledge ourselves to abide by such rules, regulations and decisions of the club, as are now in force or may, from time to time, be adopted in conformity with democratic principles and usage, and that I will support the nominations of the democratic party, county and state."

Read Capt. Brown's letter, No. 4, in this issue.

☞When you come to town and if you want real gennine bargains in dry goods, clothing, boots and shoes, call on M. Aron.

The opera band plays to appreciative crowds daily, including Dr. Gibson's two dogs.

If you want a good cultivator or plows of any kind call on J. G. Mathews & Co.

W. Y. Morton of Weston was visiting relatives in the city last Sunday.

We learn by dispatch from Washington that Lewis L. Miller of Fayburg has been commissioned postmaster of that place.

Death.

Mr. J. C. Ursy, who lived near Viney Grove six miles east of here, died last Saturday night and was buried Sunday following. He died very suddenly. The DEMOCRAT extends sympathy to sorrowing relatives and friends.

Here it is, and it fills the bill much better than anything we could say: "It gives me the greatest pleasure to write you in regard to Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. During the past winter I have sold more of it than any other kind, and have yet to find any one, but what was benefited by taking it. I have never had any medicine in my store that gave such universal satisfaction."—J. M. Roney, Druggist. Genda Springs, Kansas. Fifty cent bottles for sale by Bristol Bros.

The East Line train was wrecked two miles this side of Farmersville last Thursday. The track was torn up for about fifty yards [illegible] of the flat cars were badly damaged. They were loaded with steel rails. No one was hurt.

McKINNEY, March 18, 1890.
To the Public,

I hereby announce myself as a horse doctor. I can cure every disease of the horse except the glanders. Call at my residence one mile northwest of McKinney at the Waddill farm. No cure, no pay. Respectfully, T. J. JARNAGIN.

Sam Fox and a man by the name of Smith had a little "scrimmage" the other evening. Smith claimed that Mr. Fox owed him fifty cents and became very unruly about it when the latter proceeded to knock him out, which he successfully did.

A man who has practiced medicine for 40 years, ought to know salt from sugar; read what he says;

TOLEDO, O., Jan. 10, 1887.

Messrs. F. J. Cheney & Co.—Gentlemen:—I have been in the general practice of medicine for most 40 years, and would say that in all my practice and experience have never seen a preparation that I could prescribe with as much confidence of success as I can Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by you. Have prescribed it a great many times and its effect is wonderful, and would say in conclusion that I have yet to find a case of catarrh that it would not cure, if they would take it according to directions. Yours truly,
L. L. GORSUCH, M. D.
Office, 215 Summit St.

We will give $100 for any case of catarrh that cannot be cured with Hall's Catarrh Cure. Taken internally.
F. J. CHENEY & CO., Props.,
Toledo, Ohio.

☞Sold by druggists, 75c.

Dr. E. E. Phillips of Farmersville gave us a pleasant call last Monday. The doctor is looking well. He was in McKinney on professional business. Come again, doctor.

McKinney represents a vast amount of wealth and is surrounded by a rich county Why not have better roads?

Eupepsy.

This is what you ought to have, in fact, you must have it, to fully enjoy life. Thousands are searching for it daily, and mourning because they find it not. Thousands upon thousands of dollars are spent annually by our people in the hope that they may attain this boon. And yet it may be had by all. We guarantee that Electric Bitters, if used according to directions and the use persisted in, will bring you good digestion and oust the demon dyspepsia and install instead Eupepsy. We recommend Electric Bitters for Dyspepsia and all diseases of liver, stomach and kidneys Sold at 50c and $1 per bottle, by E. N. McAuley & Bros., druggists.

A little child of Tony Winningcoff died last Saturday night and was buried Sunday. The bereaved ones have our sympathy.

☞If you want to learn the low price on dry goods, call at M. Aron's.

School tablets 5, 10, and 15 cents apiece, can be found at the Nickel store.

Farmers, call at the Nickel store and get almost any article you want, very cheap.

☞See R. M. Board's big stock of goods.

John M. Kincaid visited Van-Alstyne yesterday.

Dont forget to call at the Nickel store on East Louisiana street while you are in town.

Wanted.

Three farm renters and twelve farm hands. Apply at once. A. T. Wilson & Co. West Louisiana street, McKinny, Tex.

Fire.

Last Sunday night at 9:30 o'clock the alarm of fire was sounded by yells of Fire! Fire! and many pistol shots. The fire was discovered in the rear of Geo. Howell's parlor saloon. It seems that a coal box had become ignited and was in full blaze when first noticed by Guy Clark, John Orenduff, Dick and Silas Boyd. Doors were knocked in and the fire extinguished. Free application of water. The fire company came out promptly, but was not needed.

A Bold Attack.

Last Tuesday evening about dark a young man by the name of L. W. Wise, Jr., was riding on his way home about three miles south of McKinney on the Dallas road, when just beyond Wilson creek bridge, a footman ordered him to "hold up." The young man doubting the propriety of such a demand, quickly said: "The devil you say," at the same time striking the would-be robber with his quirt and proceeded to make his horse "get up and get." The disappointed scoundrel fired one shot at young Wise, but without effect.

From Jim Lovelady, a brother-in-law of young Wise, we learn that the scoundrel was not recognized, and the motive suggested is that the intention was to rob young Wise, who had some money on his person. It is thought by some that this man was the same who robbed Mr. Blake not long ago in East Fork bottom.

The young man above referred to is a son of our good citizen, L. W. Wise, Sr.

THE NEW DISCOVERY

You have heard your friends and your neighbors talking about it You may yourself be one of the many who know from personal experience just how good a thing it is. If you have ever tried it, you are one of its staunch friends, because the wonderful thing about it is, that when once given a trial Dr Kings New Discovery ever after holds a place in the house. If you have never used it and should pe afflicted with a cough, cold or any Throat, Lung or Chest trouble, secure a bottle at once and give it a fair trial. It is guaranteed very time, or money refunded Trial Bottle Free at E. N. M Auley & Bro's

Stockholders' Meeting.

On the last Saturday of March, the 29th, 1890, at 10 o'clock a. m., at the high school building in Farmersville, Tex., there will be held a meeting of the stockholders in the Alliance cotton yard for the purpose of business transaction. All Alliance people are cordially invited to attend.

JOSHUA GOTCHER
Pres. Board of Directors.

A man must be criticized for leaving his team standing on the square. Yet no hitching racks are being built for his benefit.

If you happen to meet a "hole in the sidewalk" just pass on and say nothing. A broken limb is of no consequeuce.

At Cost! At Cost!

I take pleasure in informing the ladies that I will from this date until September 1st, sell them millinery and notions at cost. I will carry, during the entire season, the choice new shapes in hats and bonnets and the trimmings necessary for them. On Wednesday and Saturday of each week I will have special sales in goods including pattern hats, Extending you a cordial invitation to call and see that I mean the above, I am respectfully,

MRS. FANNIE JOHNSON.

To Our Readers.

Our readers will do us a kindness to mention our paper when patronizing our advertisers, as the latter are always anxious to know whether it is paying them or not.

Rev. B. Hatcher has been carrying on a meeting at Quanah this week.

Died.

It is with extreme regret that we chronicle the death of Mr. Henry Williams which occurred at his home near Stiff's chapel about eight miles northeast of McKinny on last Tuesday evening at 9 o'clock. Mr. Williams was an old and respected citizen of Collin county. He was the elder son of Uncle Johnny Williams who died a few years ago. He leaves no children while his second wife survives him. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved relatives and friends.

"Well, bless my soul."

☞The Racket store is now selling at cost to close ont and will pay you to come and see us for we will sell. Come and see us.

In the letter of Uncle Mike on the fourth page of this issue the sentence "Stupendous management!" Should read "Stupendous maganimity!"

☞If you want to grow rich raising strawberries and pears, write G. W. Durant & Co., Alvin, Tex., who will send full particulars.

"Well, bless my soul."

We learn that appropriate steps are being taken for the purpose of bettering the condition of the Rowlett's church property. Success to the enterprise.

☞The Racket store is now selling at cost to close and will pay you to come and see us for we will sell. Come and see us.

Messrs. John H. Orenduff and J. T. Cave, two substantial citizens from near Melissa, gave us a pleasant call yesterday. Call again, gentlemen; you are always welcome.

Go to the Racket store and supply yourself with first class cheap goods, They are actually setting at cost and it will pay you to call there and examine their stock. Don't forget this advice.

☞R. M. Board is an experienced merchant, and consequently buys the best goods at the lowest prices.

"Well, bless my soul."

Mrs. Leah M. Stewart, a widow lady who resided near Burrus' mill, died March 7, 1890. She leaves two little daughters. The DEMOCRAT extends condolence to sorrowing relatives and friends.

☞Go to R. M. Board to purchase your spring and summer wear.

We learn that the city council has made arangements to have the electric lights burn all night.

☞Big drives in plow shoes at M. Aron's.

To candidates: If you want the people to know that you are in the race, you had better announce in the DEMOCRAT.

"Well, bless my soul."

Hon. John Johnson and W. M. Abernathy were in Dallas yesterday.

Mr. James Lambert, of New Brunswick, Illinois, says: "I was badly afflicted with rheumatism in the hips and legs, when I bought a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm. It cured me in three days. I am all right to-day and would insist on every one, who is afflicted with that terrible disease, to use Chamberlain's Pain Balm and get well at once." For sale by Bristol Bros.

The city council last Tuesday night refused to accept the water works proposition which had previously been submitted to it.

Alvin, the place becoming so noted for its fruits, is midway between Galveston and Houston, and but thirty-two miles from Brazos City—soon to be the great sea port of the Southwest.

We are under many obligations to W. M. Barron for services rendered to us lately by that gentleman

☞Special bargains in clothing at M. Aron's.

We saw a yeoman cross the square yesterday evening hugging to his bosom a new churn. There is prospective butter at one home at least. Give us more butter, hog and hominy.

Subscribe for the DEMOCRAT.

School Report.

The following report of the Kelley district No. 116 Collin county, Texas, is an average grade for the month ending, March 14, 1890:

Pearl Tussey, 86; Albert Caldwell, 80; Charlie Caldwell, 90; Jimmie Brown, 96; Willie Saddler, 93; Pearl Morton, 88; Hannah Hammer, 89; Della Brown, 100; Laura McDaniel, 81; Thomas Brown, 97; Belle Sanstron, 100; James Decker, 100; Joe Morton, 86; Annie McLain, 87; Eunice Sanstron, 92; Joe McLain, 90; Fannie O'Neal, 99; Ollie Back, 85; Henry Back, 90; Zulie Caldwell, 85; Beaulah Brown, 99; Florence Jarnigan, 90; Nora Jarnigan, 72; Emma Jarnigan 90; Ethel Tussey, 78; Mollie Brown, 100; Annie Wright, 96; May Wright, 100; James Jackson, 88; Andrew Jackson, 87; Minnie White, 99; Nellie White, 93; Edgar O'Neal, 89; Alf Beary, 89; Robert Jackson, 100; Bud Jackson, 100; James George, 100; Lola Hammer, 86; Lee Brown, 90; Lizzie Lanear, 95

J. N. SMITH,
Teacher.

The literary society of Viney Grove is progressing finely.

Dear reader, kindly ask your neighbor to subscribe for the DEMOCRAT.

In the name of the powers that be, pave our square with bois d' arc.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

The Best Salve in the world for cuts, bruisks, sores, ulcers, salt rheum, fever sores, tetter, chapped hands, childblains, corns and all skin eruptions and Positively cures Piles, or no money required. It is guaranteed to give perfec tsatfacis quived. It is guaranteed to give perfec tsatfacis tion, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box
For Sale By E N McAULAY and Bro

You are Mistaken,

If you think you can get shoddy goods at R. M. Board's. He handles nothing but the best at the lowest price. Those who doubt this should call and see before purchasing elsewhere. His genial clerks will take pleasure in waiting on you.

Smith Bros.

Keep on hand fresh drugs, patent medicines of all kinds. Also toilet articles of any description; in fact, everything in the drug line. Call and see them, east side of the square.

For Sale.

A first-class New Home sewing machine can be bought reasonably. Inquire at this office.

☞Big bargains in ladies' hats at M. Aron's.

A Grand Offer.

We can furnish the Scientific American and the Democrat for $4.

The National Economist and the Democrat for $2.

The Ft. Worth Gazette and Democrat for $2.25.

The Baptist News and Democrat for $2.

The Farm and Ranch and Democrat for $1.50.

The Southern Mercury and the Democrat for $2.00 per year.

Dallas Weekly News and DEMOCRAT for $2.25.

The New York Cosmopolitan Magazine and the DEMOCRAT for $2.50.

The following are the prices for the above papers alone:

DEMOCRAT, per year, $1.50.

Dallas Weekly News. $1.25.

National Economist, per year, $1.00.

Fort Worth Gazette, per year, $1.00.

Baptist News, per year, $1.

Farm and Ranch, per year, $1.00.

Southern Mercury, per year, $1.00.

Scientific American, per year, $4.00.

Cosmopolitan, per year, $2.40.

All of the above journals are first-class.

Please take notice of the above offer and call your neighbor's attention to it. Sample copies will be shown and subscriptions taken, at this office. Respectfully,

DEMOCRAT PUB. Co.

Marriage Bells.

The following marriage licenses were issued by County Clerk Keen since our last publication:

J. G. Renneau and Florence Worsham, J. H. Spangh and Caroline M. Odell, H. M. Bryant and Lizzie Jarnagin, J. H. Evans and Mrs. Louisa Gaines.

A Lecture,

Last night a good sized audience gathered at court house to hear J. E. Remsburg's lecture upon the subject "False claims." A telegram was received announcing that the speaker could not reach McKinney before the 9:05 o'clock train. In order to entertain the crowd Hon. J. W. Thomas made a few remarks. Mr. Remsburg having arrived at the time mentioned proceeded to address the audience with clearness and force. He handled his theme as only a scholar could. If his sarcasm sounded harsh at times, his generous, noble expreessions intervening seemed to win the approval of his audience. As to his attack upon othodoxy we have nothing to say, believing that the clergy is more able to answer him than the feeble pen of the writer.

TRINITY ALLIANCE No. 1105,
COLLIN COUNTY, TEX.,
March 19, 1890.

To the various sub-Alliances of Texas—

Whereas, Bro. J. A. Neely, a member of this Alliance in good standing, died on Feb. 5 1890, leaving a wife and six little children without a home or any means whatever for support, being wholly dependent upon the charity of the world, we respectfully appeal to you for aid in her behalf. Bro. Neely, during his life, has never made any appeal for help; therefore, we earnestly hope for a hearty response. Send all contributions to John H. Orenduff, secretary. Melissa, Tex.

G. W. CAVE, Pres.

"In my extensive practice among women," writes an eminent physician, who has made the study of female diseases a specialty, "never have I found a female tonic and regulator so happily combined as in Dr. Dromgoole's English Female Bitters."

It is a fact that the Racket store is closing out its stock of notions, hardware, tinware, anything, hats etc Here is your chance to buy cheap

Mrs. A. H. R. Bryant died at Pilot Point Wednesday night. Her husband died a few days ago.

Presents in the most elegant form
THE LAXATIVE AND NUTRITIOUS JUICE
—OF THE—
FIGS OF CALIFORNIA,
Combined with the medicinal virtues of plants known to be most beneficial to the human system, forming an agreeable and effective laxative to permanently cure Habitual Constipation, and the many ills depending on a weak or inactive condition of the
KIDNEYS, LIVER AND BOWELS.
It is the most excellent remedy known to
CLEANSE THE SYSTEM EFFECTUALLY
When one is Bilious or Constipated
—SO THAT—
PURE BLOOD, REFRESHING SLEEP, HEALTH and STRENGTH
NATURALLY FOLLOW.
Every one is using it and all are delighted with it.
ASK YOUR DRUGGIST FOR
SYRUP OF FIGS
MANUFACTURED ONLY BY
CALIFORNIA FIG SYRU.
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.
LOUISVIL E, KY. NEW YORK, N. Y.

YOUNG CLYDE!

DESCRIPTION AND PEDIGREE.

Mahogany bay, 5 years old, white batch on face, hind fe white bred by J. H. Seever of Alexis, Ill. Dam is a Clyde an Whip mare; sire is "Liberty," a Scotch Clyde horse imported by Robert Halloway of Alexis, Ill., he by Prince of Wale Said to be the best Clyde horse owned in Scotland.

The horse will stand at my stable, 7 miles northwest fro McKinney and one mile west of Liberty church. To insu mare in foal, $10; money due when the fact is ascertained, when the mare is traded or taken out of the county. Care tak to prevent accidents, but will not be responsible if any occur.

Premium of $25 will be given for best colt at six months

JOE RAGSDALE, Roland, Tex.

Attend to Your Horses.

When a horse refuses to drink, or coughs after swallowing a little, it indicates sore throat, or swelling of the glands of the neck. It is one of the symptoms of distemper, which is prevalent at this season. Give the horse a warm bran mash, with one drachm of chlorate of potash in it, daily, for a week or ten days. There is nothing serious to be apprehended.

For a horse which is weak in the knees rub the limbs briskly with a woolen cloth, then bathe with salt and water, wipe dry, and apply a mixture of one pint of alcohol and one drachm of tincture of Spanish fly, rubbing in a tablespoonful twice a day with the hand. Let the horse run in a loose stall, deeply littered with sawdust or dry swamp muck, or on an earth floor. Skunk's oil, beef brine and other trash of the kind are useless.

Piles are caused by dialatation of the blood vessels of the lower gut or rectum and the formation of tumors. In horses they are rare, and melanotic tumors on the lining membrane are often confounded with them. The treatment is as follows: Give daily three ounces of Glauber salts and common salt; bran and linseed mashes, with one drachm each of sulphate of iron and ground gentian root. If the piles appear outwardly or there is much irritation, and the horse rubs the tail, inject one ounce of a solution of a drachm of sugar of lead in a pint of water.

A horse can be fed on grain and bran if he is not overfed. These foods are concentrated, and need to be given with caution Cottonseed meal, if quite free from lint, may be given in moderation. Some coarse fodder is desirable, if it can be procured, and a supply should be grown either of millet; corn fodder or pea vines, and cut when in blossom and cured for hay. If a little roughness is given six pounds of bran and the same of some kind of grain, and two pounds of whole clean cottonseed, would make sufficient food for a 1,000-pound horse. Five pounds of hay daily given with this grain would be quite sufficent.

Green food in the summer is often the cause of serious indigestion, with its common results—colic and rupture of the stomach, which is inevitably fatal. Such food should never be given wet, or heated by fermentation after cutting, or in excessive quantity, nor when a horse is weary. Clover or rye should be cut after the dew is off and before the heat of the day, and spread in the shade to wilt until the next day. A sprinkling of salt will tend to avoid trouble with such food, as it prevents fermentation.

Water should always be given before feeding, and never immediately afterward. Colic is often produced by copious watering soon after eating, and also by watering when the animal is hot and weary from work. The stomach being chilled is for the time incapable of digesting any food. Light feeding is to be given during hard or rapid work, and the full feed is only given after sufficient rest. Overfeeding is to be especially avoided, and regularity is very important. One twelve-quart pailful of cut hay and four pounds of meal is a full feed for a 1000-pound horse, given twice a day, with an equivalent feeding between of oats or corn and long hay. Orchard grass hay, cut just at the blossoming, is excellent for horses. Ripe timothy is the next best, and corn blades, pulled green and well cured, make as good feed as any. Dusty or mouldy food is to be specially avoided, not only for its effect upon the digestive organs, but for its evil results upon the respiratory functions. Idleness is conducive to indigestion, and during the present season particularly horses should be turned out several hours for exercise every day.

The shrinkage of the muscles of the shoulder, and which is commonly called "sweeney," is due to some lameness of the foot or limb, which induces the horse to favor the shoulder and throw the muscles out of use. This inaction causes the muscles to decrease in substance, and the shoulder flattens or becomes hollowed. The remedy for this disfigurement is to relieve the lameness and restore the shoulder to proper activity. The seat of the trouble may be in the shoulder, which may have been sprained. If this is the case, pressure with the knuckles on the shoulder will show it; if not, it will most probably be found in the foot on the pastern joint. Navicular disease is the most frequent cause of the shrinking of the shoulder muscles. This disease is indicated by the animal pointing the toe of the foot forward, and by going lame at starting and soon recovering. Driving fast down hill is the usual cause of trouble with the shoulder by injury to the joint or to the feet. —*Scientific American.*

Cleaning Windows.

There are few things that add so much to the attractiveness of a house as clean windows, and the housekeeper, recognizing this, deems it one of the important duties of her housework that they shall be as clean and bright as she can make them. To keep windows bright and clean is anything but an easy task, for they require to be looked after constantly to keep them at all presentable. No matter how clean and tidy the room may be in other respects, if the windows are not clean all the tidiness goes for nothing.

Many housewives who are anything but careless in the rest of their work are neglectful of their windows, inasmuch as they may often clean them, but do so in such a careless manner that they are never really clean. Every woman has a way of her own for this work, which she considers far superior to any other, but very few of them have a good method, and may be improved on easily.

Many women use soap to help them in washing windows, and then wonder why the glass looks so streaky. Soap should never be used for this work, for if it is, the glass will never look as clear as that which has been cleaned without. To be sure, they are always rinsed after washing in this way, and, even then, though they may look as well as those washed in clear water, yet they do not look any better, and the extra labor is thrown away. Do not use old table linen for washing or wiping windows. It is, certainly, nice and soft, and would seem to be just the thing, but the wiping off of the lint, which old table linen is sure to leave after it, outweighs all the merits of softness. Cold water is usually used, but this required so much wiping, and if there is any grease on the windw, which is often the case where there are children, so much hard work to remove it, that warm water is much to be preferred.

Choose for this work a warm day; if cloudy all the better, though by no means ever clean windows on a damp day. If it is a sunny day do not wash any glass while the sun is shining upon it if you would have it free from streaks. Even if you have to wait until afternoon for the sun to leave the front of the house, let the windows wait until then or a cloudy day rather than have them look as though half cleaned. First dust the windows inside and out, using a small paint brush for the crevices and corners of the sashes. Wash thoroughly the sashes and woodwork around the panes, and if soap is used, see that as little as possible of it touches the glass. Wash the woodwork on the outside of the window, as that is usually very dusty and should be always cleaned before the glass is touched. Have a small flannel or cotton cloth for washing and a large, old cotton one for wiping. Never use new cotton for this purpose, for without exception it is the hardest kind of cloth for drying windows. Have a basin of pretty warm water, the hotter the better, and into it put a few drops of ammonia. With the small cloth wash each pane thoroughly, using a small pointed stick for the corners (some save a wooden skewer for this purpose), and if the water is very hot, wipe immediately, for with hot water the panes wipe much easier and dry quickly. Clear hot water without the ammonia may be used, and will do the work very well, but the ammonia makes the work easier and imparts to the glass a fine gloss. Some use a few drops of kerosene in place of the ammonia and claim it as excellent. Wash the inside of the glass first, so that when doing the outside any speck or streak may be easily seen and removed. Windows treated in this way may be washed in one-half the time in which they are usually done, and look much better.

A Brahmin Tradition.

Of all the European nations, the Brahmins have signalized the English alone with a doubtful compliment, for there is extant a tradition among them that certain Brahmin sages visited, in the dim long ago, England, and there created white men, whom they called Gandanas, or God-fearing men, but ultimately these sages became disgusted with the ancient Britons, on account of their keeping pariahs as servants. The learned Brahmin who told me of this tradition failed, however, to inform me who created the pariah, or human being of low degree. So particular are the Brahmins about the maintenance of their castle that the richer community only employ bereaved Brahmin widows or their poor relatives for the execution of their household duties, and it may be said that no matter how servile may be the position of a Brahmin in a Brahmin household, no insult is given, but the servitor is held in as much consideration as is the master. The lot of the Hindo widow is not a happy one—for the law prevents her from again entering the marriage state, and therefore she is often compelled to work for a livelihood. The Brahminical law, so arbitrary in other respect is not the less here. Widows are compelled to wear white, to always keep their heads shaved and covered, but the *dhoti* form of dress is preserved, and even the doubtful pleasure of snuff is withheld from them.

It will be seen that the posit on of the Brahmin woman in South India is enviable to that of her sisters in North India. Though she is not regarded as an equal, she is little better than a chattel. The average Hindoo mind cannot receive a woman as a human being possessed of soul and sensibility. Though she influences the aspirations of her children, shapes their destinies, yet she is withheld from sharing their triumphs or their pleasures. Feelings akin to pity arise in the English breast, or rather indignation, as when passing through the native villages he sees engaged in severe toil the women, while the men, squatting on the ground before their houses, enjoy in the cool of eventide the songs of the wandering minstrel or the latest marvel from the lips of the professional story teller. It is reported that the most cruel in their treatment of the women are the Iengars, who claim for themselves more than ordinary attributes. The European is to him no less an object of contempt than a pariah, and when the Iengar talks with a Griffin (as a newly arrived Englishman in India is called) he does not show his disdain, for fastidious Brahmins, when they speak to a Sudra or European are accustomed to place their hand on the stomach, and catching the holy thread present the back of the hand to the person addressed, and at the close of the conversation, by a rotary motion, they display the palm. To those who choose to regard this as an insult it is such.

The Brahmin is a bundle of extraordinary contradictions. Witness him buying a load of wood from a pariah. He hails the unfortunate creature, who setting down his burden, edges away while the Brahmin examines it. The Brahmin then moves away. The pariah approaches the wood, and with his hands before his mouth, lest his breath touch the person of his august purchaser he concludes the sale. No pariah uses the public highway made by British money and under British supervision while a noble Brahmin passes. Brahmin youth are beset from their birth with tedious restrictions, the theme which never tires with their parents. Perhaps their only luxury is that of taking snuff, and in this even the law interferes and lays down a certain age when they may begin; to a bachelor this pleasure is prohibited; snuff taking can only begin with matrimony.—*San Francisco Chronicle.*

Tender Dignity.

The small girl had a request to prefer to her mother. She wanted to be permitted to go to the grocery for something that was needed. She was only seven. Her mother said:

"Well, you can go. But mind you must not stop on the street and talk to the boys.

"Mamma," she said, drawing herself up to her full height, "Mamma, you insult me!"—*San Francisco Chronicle.*

A Boa Constrictor Gets Out.

New York, March 7.—The English steamer Lisboneus arrived yesterday from Para. William Underhill, the steward, told a thrilling story of how a twenty-one foot boa constrictor chased the crew all over the deck of the ship. He showed the stuffed skin of the monster snake. It had shrunk and now measured fifteen feet from the base of the head to the tip of the tail.

"Nearly every voyage I make from South America," said he, "I bring back a big snake or some animal for which I find ready purchase here. A Para native sold me a boa constrictor that measured twenty-one feet. I could have obtained $150 for him in this city, and so when I succeeded in purchasing the animal for $3 I thought I had a bargain. I bought large numbers of live rats, rabbits and pigeons. I built a cage for the snake and over it I kept the pigeons, rats and rabbits. The snake was a great feeder, and I had a difficult task to apportion the food I had on hand so that it would last through the voyage. When about five days out from Rio I was awakened by the yelps of a black and tan pet dog we had on board called Jap, and the cries of the deck watch. I jumped out of my berth and found that the boa had left his cage, devoured several pigeons, many rats, our pet dog and was ready for one of the sailors.

The whole ship crew were on deck in a hurry and a panic nearly ensued. Nobody dared to approach the big reptile, which was wriggling about, evidently digesting its food in preparation for another meal. One of the crew endeavored to throw a blanket over the snake, but failing in his attempt he only roused the reptile to further onslaught. The men were chased fore and aft by this monster. We only had one rifle aboard and that was in the captain's quarters. The second mate got the weapon and blazed away, wounding the snake. Then we clubbed it to death. I stuffed it with cotton and pepper and expect to sell the skin to some museum. I don't think I'll trade in snakes any more. We miss little Jap very much as he was the pet of the ship.

Steel and Iron Plant.

Sherman, Tex. March 13.—One of the most important improvements in store for Sherman is the establishment here of a steel and iron plant, a branch of one of the largest things of the kind in the Ohio river valley. A gentleman clothed with full authority to close with Sherman will be here to-day to talk with the people in a few days. He comes by special invitation.

W. C. Coy, a farmer, while felling trees south of the city, was caught beneath one and sustained serious injuries. His left leg was broken in several places, and his left shoulder is broken and terribly lacerated. He may die.

Mrs. J. H. McDaniels, an old lady, stepped out of her kitchen door and fell, sustaining a serious hurt in the way of a broken arm.

Evangelist Guerrant's meetings at the First Presbyterian church are progressing finely.

A number of building lots were sold to-day.

Bonne Terre, Mo., March 13.—Mrs. William Rogers of this place created a stir yesterday by raiding one of the "blind tiger" saloons which have been running here in violation of the law. She has two sons. Both are minors. Tuesday night they were enticed into the place and made drunk. The mother learned the facts and inaugurated a crusade. Donning her hat she hastened down to the saloon and after a brief but interesting interview with the proprietor, she demolished every window in the place and partly wrecked the interior before she could be persuaded to desist.

They say luxuries should be taxed because the rich pay for them. Why, labor pays all the taxes in the world! It is the only solvent thing beneath the stars! The diamonds which listen on the bosom of beauty are paid for by labor. I want tobacco absolutely free in the United States.—R. G. Ingersoll.

From Lucas.

LUCAS, TEX., March 10, 1890.

Editor Democrat:

I see the straight democrats are beginning to rally their forces and planting their bulwarks preparatory for the coming contest. Their democracy begins, not in the voice of the people, but with the ring as usual. I want to know by what democratic u-s-a-g-e the town club gets its authority for holding its meetings and shaping the policy and drawing the lines which the "kuntry" clubs must follow or perish? Has there been a public call made by the proper committee for the re-organization of the democratic clubs, or has there been a private call for a certain club to organize?

I saw a communication in one of their organs which takes the cake for tyranny and audacity over anything that ever happened under the sun, and if it is the sentiment of all that party, they may prepare their battle ground and erect their fortifications for we certainly will be after 'em. But I am "persuaded better things of the conservative people of that party." We trust there are yet some "straight" democrats who are not so weak-minded as to be led off by such wrecked politicians, whose only profession is strife-making,

He would have us democrats stand back till the ticket is nominated and then come up and vote her straight. Stupendous management!!! Does he think we are fools? He must remember that he was a mugwump once, and the straights took him back on his old baptism.

I am willing to anything that will bring about harmony, provided there is no sacrifice of principle.

But in the event there is more than one ticket in the field, let measures and principles be discussed and not so much personal abuse and party lashing

What has become of R. D Allison, the "hero of two wars?" Surely they have not cast him off? UNCLE MIKE

The Road Problem.

Agitation of the road problem will bring about the solution. Some of the advocates of better roads favor the issuance of bonds, while others strenuously oppose the creation of such indebtedness and would have an ad valorem tax imposed to meet the necessary expenditure. Upon the general proposition that the roads ought to be bettered there is oneness of opinion, but as to ways and means there is great diversity. When the people come together and discuss the various theories and methods proposed some satisfactory conclusion may be reached. It is not probable that any advocate of good public highways is so wedded to any particular theory that he would not be satisfied with any other. If the question of issuing bonds is to be left to option of counties, precincts or neighborhoods, even, after a thorough and practical consideration, so be it. If it shall be decided that the present generation shall pay for present improvements well and good, and if it shall be deemed inadvisable either to issue bonds or to increase taxation for road purposes and a plan for promoting road building by private enterprise under liberal provisions and adequate inducements is deemed most expedient, then let that be done. What is wanted is better roads and the easiest, cheapest and speediest way of securing them.—Dallas News.

"Gnaw, you don't," as the cheese said to the mouse, when he tried to eat a hole in the wire screen that covered it.—Dansville Breeze.

"I only charge you a fair price" she said, as Robinson objected to paying five dollars for a buttonhole boquet.—Yankee Blade.

Job was a very patient man, and the customers of the modern job printer often have to imitate his chief virtue.—St. Louis Critic.

The first apple tree planted in Ohio, they say, can be seen alive and vigorous on a farm in Marietta. It was planted in 1789.

"But, my dear," argued Mr. Redrose, "even the moon gets full sometimes."

"True," retorted Mrs. R. "but when the moon gets full it has the decency to stay out all night and not come roistering home in that condition, the way you do." —Munsey's Weekly.

Little Boy—When are you going to the carpenter shop to be fixed?

Poet—Carpenter shop!

Little Boy—Yes; I heard pa tell ma there was a screw loose about you somewhere.

Deacon Cloudy—Permit me to congratulate you, Mrs. Washington, on de blondishness ob your new baby.

Mrs. Washington—Oh, thanks, but I regret it ain't darker.

"What makes you talk so?"

"Well, because de yellow children shows dirt lots wus un de black ones."

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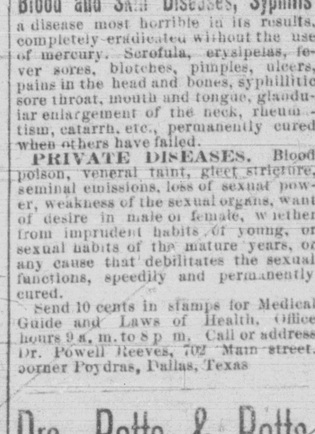
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